

REMARKS

Prior to this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-22 and 51-78 were pending. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants do not acquiesce in the Examiner's determination of separate inventions, however, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants hereby elect to restrict examination to the invention identified by the Examiner as Invention II, claims 57-72 and 75-78. Accordingly, claims 1-22, 51-56 and 73-74 are now cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. New claims 79-107 are added in place of the cancelled claims for which fees have already been paid. New claims 79-107 are believed to be directed to the invention identified by the Examiner as Invention II. Thus, after this preliminary amendment, claims 57-72, and 75-107 are pending.

If necessary, Applicants request that this response be considered a request for an extension of time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this response be charged to the deposit account of Bose McKinney & Evans, Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below should any question or comments arise during the course of consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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